

I am deeply
concerned about the
conflict of interest
that exists between
the duty of media
network to provide
balanced and
unbiased news and
programming, and the
vested interested
that they and their
parent companies
have in politics.
It is no secret that
the Bush
administration has
favored corporations
with tax breaks and
tolerated the
monopolization of
radio, television
and print media. It
is not surprising,
therefore, that
media CEO's such as
Viacom's Sumner
Redstone and Fox's
Peter Chernin have
publicly declared
their support for
President Bush.

Last year
ClearChannel
Communications
abused its control
of radio airwaves
when it denied
broadcast of
anti-war songs
during the war on
Iraq. With control
of 60% of radio rock
programming, this
exercise of a
corporate political
agenda was
tantamount to
infringement of the
1st amendment.

Now, Sinclair
Broadcasting's is
forcing their
stations to air an
anti-Kerry
documentary in the

days before the election, another example of media abusing their power to serve their own political agenda.

Ironically, with the consolidation of television, radio and newsprint media into the hands of a handful of billionaire moguls, "freedom" in America is beginning to resemble the repressed and propaganda-ridden nations abroad that we are purportedly helping to free.